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Wednesday, 5 September 1951

Mr. Dimmitt of the Intelligence Office of Civil Defense requested any information we might have with respect to Russian civil defense preparations. He noted that some senator had charged that Russian preparations in this field were far in advance of those of the United States. I left open the question of whether CIA was the correct agency to receive such an inquiry and raised a serious question as to Civil Defense's "need to know" information of this nature. Mr. Dimmitt indicated that they desired only the most general type of information. Without making any commitment, I undertook to see what the attitude of our Agency would be to furnishing such information. Later in the day I referred this inquiry to Mr. Reber, requesting initially whether CIA was the correct agency upon which to make such a request.

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25X1 [redacted] reported by phone with respect to progress made during my leave on reorganizing O/PC and PRC projects procedures. [redacted] noted that he had written a procedural memorandum on this point and such memorandum was given to me Thursday morning by [redacted]

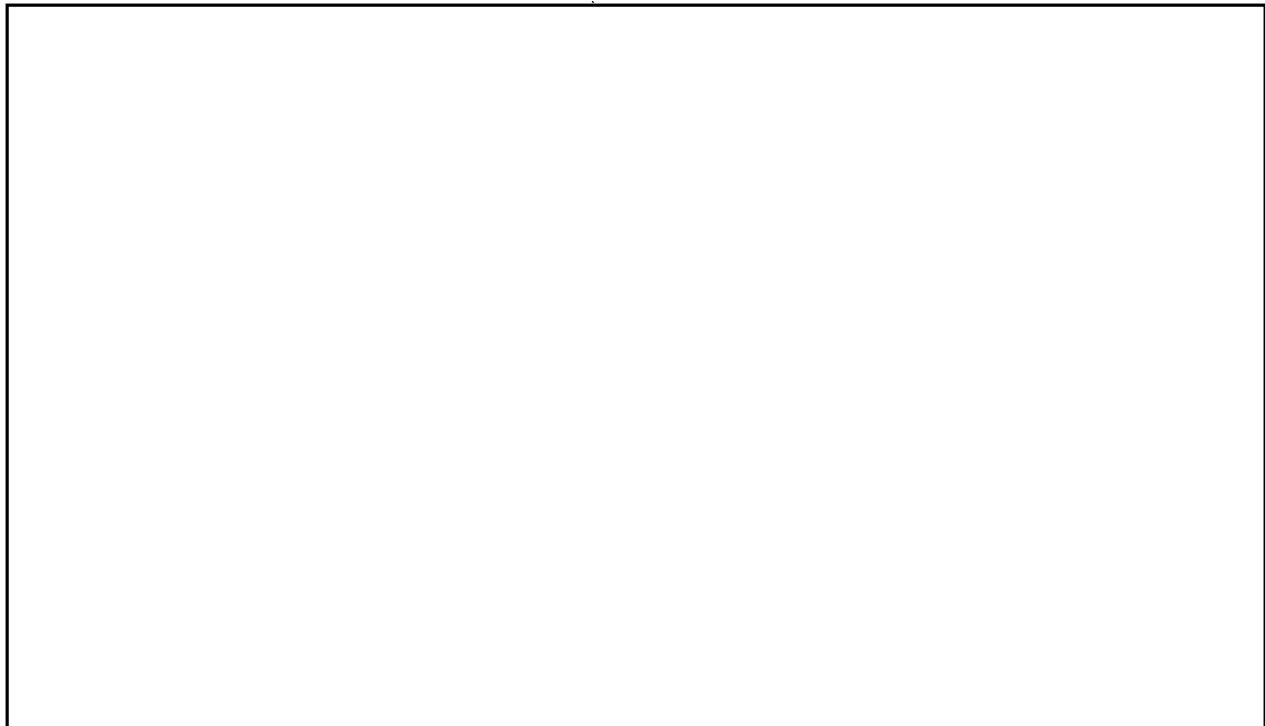
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Passed on to [redacted] O/CI, the names of three individuals recommended by Mr. McKee of G-2 for posts in the situation room.



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At the request of the DCI ascertained from Dr. Chadwell the facts with respect to a project or to which, at the request of Secretary Kimball of the Navy, Admiral Souers had made inquiry.

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